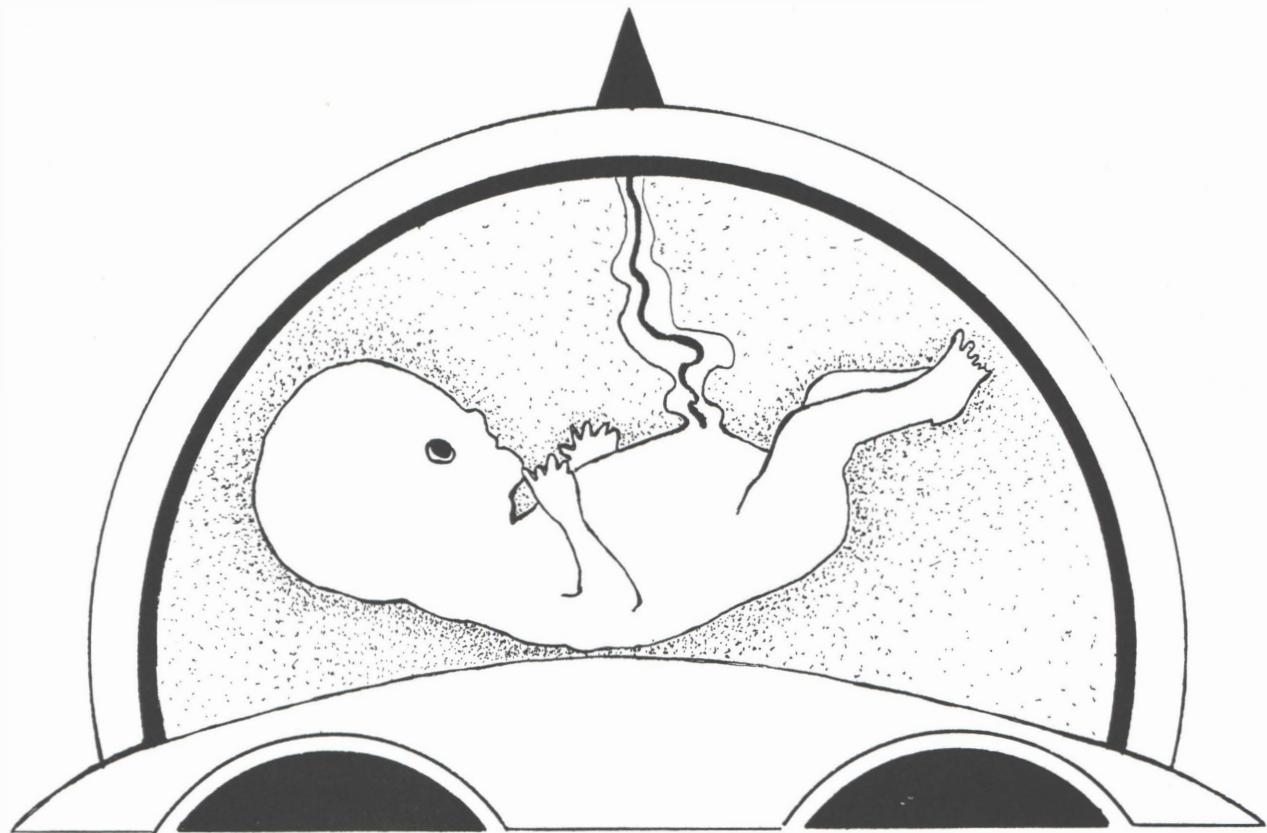


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EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to numerous research projects and a number of field investigations, the editor will answer no mail, and no orders will be filled out, between July 25 and August 17. Thank you.

EDITORIAL . . .

RENAISSANCE

Since the closing of Project Blue Book, those in the UFO field have felt rather uneasy at being left out on their own. Some UFO organizations have ceased publishing, either because of declining interest on the part of the "supporters" or on the part of the UFOlogists themselves. Researchers have dropped out: some literally, but then that's an everyday phenomenon and must not be considered the evil mechanics of the Men in Black. The mention of the words "flying saucers", still receives the skeptical grin in any conversation. The fear remains of being labeled a "crackpot" if someone attempts to report a sighting of an object they could not understand. Those which do reach the public community are usually crowded out by stories on Vietnam or letters from "Dear Abby" or, if lucky, are relegated to the comics section beside "The Phantom" or on the entertainment page next to "I am Curious (Yellow)". Physical evidence is still unfound. And dust has begun to settle on files of UFO sighting report forms, both used and unused. It seems as if we must renew our efforts beginning again from square one.

But we do have the support of a few vocal scientists. We do have our library shelves stuffed full with various magazines and books ranging from The Bible to I Met a Spaceman. We do have thousands of UFO sighting reports on file while others are lost in memories or nightmares. We do receive publicity although unfavorable it may sometimes be. We now all have the freedom, but not necessarily the will, to say whatever we wish to say about UFOs without having the government breathing down our necks. So we aren't back on square one, although we aren't far from square two.

But what is it we want? What are we waiting for? Another scientific investigation? United Nations recognition? More publicity? Or a landing in Central Park? No...

We want only to know what these objects are which are flying around in our skies. It's just as if we wanted to know who had broken into our home. It is inherent in, and essential for, man to seek what it is he doesn't know...to know what can't be known. To know what your neighbor says about you...to know the secret of life.

We must not falter in our search because of drawbacks occurring outside the real line of interest. Benjamin Brody, Ph.D., in reviewing Jean Genet's Funeral Rites in the February, 1970 issue of Psychology Today, makes a statement which might well be applied to UFOlogy: "It is a brutal fact that every revolutionary breakthrough in art or science has occurred more or less outside the fabric of established society and its official institutions; it frequently has aroused the relentless enmity of the established custodians of our culture; and it has taken generations to be integrated even partially into academic learning."

-- Patrick A. Huyghe

One Bill Adler has started something He wrote a book called Letters to Air Force on UFOs (Dell, 1967). But he left off Volume II, which we now present as --

LETTERS FROM THE AIR FORCE ON UFOs

Compiled by

Larry W. Bryant

Section I. Introduction

Culled from various official Air Force correspondence received during the past 12 years by the compiler and other UFO oriented citizens, the following letters or excerpts were selected because of their general interest, amusing quality and enlightening effects

The commentary accompanying some of the entries is intended to provide the reader with background information or clarification. In several cases the names of the recipients are omitted to protect them from harassment -- official or otherwise.

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Section II. Straight Questions and Crooked Answers

Q: What was the silent, low-flying object that was sighted on the evening of January 27, 1965, by two NASA engineers at Hampton, Virginia?

A [Air Force]: The object observed by Mr. A. G. Crimmins on 27 January 1965 has been evaluated as a Navy helicopter. -- Lt. Col. John P. Spaulding, Chief of the Civil Branch, Community Relations Division, Office of Information, Department of the Air Force (June 11, 1965).

A [Navy]: In answer to your inquiry of July 12, 1965, we have no record of any type of Navy flights in that area during this period. -- Lt. Commander J. S. Basset; Public Information Officer for the Fourth and Fifth Naval Districts at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.

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Q: Will you please send me two copies of the following publications: Air Force Regulation 55-88 ["Operations: Communications Instructions Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings (CIRVIS)"]; Air Force Regulation 200-2 ["Intelligence Activities: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)"].

A [November 27, 1961]: In reply to your recent request, please find enclosed two copies of AFR's 55-88 and 200-2. Your interest is appreciated. -- Lt. Col. Arnold Mullins, Chief, Civil Branch, Community Relations Division, Office of Information, Department of the Air Force.

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A [August 6, 1965, as addressed to Va. Congressman Thomas N. Downing]: This regulation [AFR 200-2] provides guidance to Air Force personnel who have a responsibility for investigating reports of UFO which are submitted to the Air Force for evaluation. Like all Air Force regulations, it applies only to Air Force people, and is not for issue to persons who have no official requirement to use it. If Mr. Bryant would like to examine a copy, we suggest he ask to do so at the nearest Air Force installation. -- Col. L. Conques; Chief, Congressional Inquiry Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force.

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Section III. Should Someone Investigate the Investigators?

In response to your request, dated 2 October 1966, for a copy of JANAP 146 (E), I should like to advise that although this publication is unclassified, it contains military information which is for official use only.

The purpose of JANAP 146(E) is to provide uniform instructions for the peacetime reporting of vital intelligence sightings, including unidentified flying objects (UFOs), and to provide communications instructions for the passing of these intelligence reports to appropriate military authorities. It does not record any information concerning past sightings of UFOs nor does it reflect the action taken on such sightings; it merely outlines the procedures to be used in reporting such objects.

To that end, the publication is normally furnished only to certain categories of US and Canadian military agencies.

I therefore regret that JANAP 146(E) cannot be released to you as a private individual. -- Army Maj. Roy E. Shelby; Military Secretary, J-6, The Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D. C. (October 14, 1966).

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Section IV. Syllogisms and Not-So-Freudian Slips

Dear Mr. Bryant:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 9 April 1958 concerning unidentified flying objects. The invitation to write this office was predicated upon the assumption that you were an accredited newspaper representative asking specific questions on certain sightings.

Your letter discloses that you are associated with a private group or organization in aerial phenomena. There are many such organizations as yours interested in aerial phenomena and the Air Force cannot possibly meet all the detailed requirements of these organizations on an individual basis. It is true on occasion that we do furnish information on specific cases to accredited news media representatives to keep the public adequately informed on this subject.

If your organization desires to pursue this matter further, I suggest you

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communicate with some of the other groups or clubs interested in aerial phenomena. It is a popular and imaginative subject and I am sure associations will be mutually beneficial.

The Air Force is compelled to deal scientifically and objectively with facts and our findings to date deny the existence of flying saucers. We are sure our analysis and evaluations of reported sightings by qualified scientists are more than adequate.

For your information I am inclosing the latest DOD Fact Sheet on this subject. These fact sheets are published periodically and the latest fact sheet will always be available upon request. -- Maj. Lawrence J. Tacker; Executive Officer, Public Information Division, Office of Information Services, Department of the Air Force (April 14, 1958).

Compiler's translation of Maj. Tacker's letter: We in the Air Force are obligated to answer questions coming from the news media. All newsmen ask questions. You asked us questions; therefore, we thought you were a newsman. But since we've found out that you're not, we are not obligated to answer your questions.

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Dear Mr. Bryant:

The Air Force has closed its files on UFO's; therefore, if you desire blank forms or any other information pertaining to this subject we suggest you write to the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington 25, D. C. -- Maj. Bayred O. Vermillion; Information Officer, Langley AFB, Va. (November 6, 1963).

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Dear Flatley:

Reference your undated strip of paper. I can prove that the Air Force does exist, but you can't prove that flying saucers are real. Evidently, the asphalt jungle of Brooklyn is beginning to get to you. Why don't you take a walk out in the country and look at the wonders of nature and ^{quit} living in a dream world. The Air Force will keep on protecting you from these mythical flying saucers.-- Maj. Hector Quintanilla, Chief, Project Blue Book.

The beleaguered major, obviously unnerved at Mr. P. Flatley's second-hand suggestion that "UFO's Are Real -- The Air Force Doesn't Exist!", has let chauvinism take precedence over objectivity in his elucidation of what avowedly is a "scientific" enterprise. Perhaps this is why the Air Force insists on having its image-conscious Pentagonians issue all publicity statements on official UFOlogy. Now that Project Blue Book has been shut down and its files have been transferred to the Air Force archives at Maxwell AFB, Ala., you'd think the P.I.O. boys in the office of the AF Secretary would move on to more productive work. But no! They're still holding on to what's left of Pandora's Box, Dr. Condon notwithstanding. So, should you decide to query Maxwell AFB about the

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retired Blue Book files, be prepared for anything from a form letter to a formula letter like some of the ones quoted here . . . all of which will emanate from the "Community Relations" experts in Washington, D. C. (If you get a truly outstanding reply, please send the compiler a Xerox copy at 8415 Orcutt Ave. Hampton, Va., so he can add it to this collection.)

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Section V. Relations: Public Vs. Private

Dear Mr. Robeson [A Va. Congressman]:

I refer to your inquiry concerning the interest of Mr. Larry W. Bryant of Newport News, Virginia, relative to alleged military secrecy on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

The Air Force believes that the investigation of the UFO phenomena is in the hands of responsible personnel and that an adequate, thorough, and honest program is being conducted. On numerous occasions conclusions relative to the UFO have been publicized and the evaluation processes explained by periodic releases through the established news channels.

The allegation that the Air Force is withholding vital UFO information has no merit whatsoever. The press release approach is considered censorship by some UFO organizations, because [since] they do not receive individual attention from the Air Force, they contend that we are withholding vital information. The Air Force was compelled to adopt the press release approach because in the past when factual information was furnished to certain writers of UFO books, upon their individual request, our action was interpreted as granting approval and clearance for the books in which the information was used.

If certain data is withheld from the public on UFO's, it is not done for the purpose of depriving the citizenry of vital information necessary for proper evaluation nor is it done because there is scientific proof of the existence of space craft from other planets and we do not wish to alarm the American people. It is done in the majority of instances to protect the people involved from the idle curiosity of the sensation seekers. In a few limited instances it is done to keep from compromising our investigative processes.

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Senate Government Operations Committee has indicated from time to time its interest in the subject of UFO's, and we have furnished them all the information they have requested. After preliminary investigation, the Subcommittee Staff has indicated that they do not intend to have hearings and the Air Force feels that public hearings would merely give dignity to the subject out of all proportion to which it is entitled. The sensation seekers and the publishers of scientific fiction would profit most from such hearings, and in the long run we would not accomplish our objective of taking the aura of mystery out of UFO's. However, the Air Force stands ready to give its wholehearted cooperation to any Congressional Committee desirous of holding public hearings on this matter should overriding considerations require them.

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Your continued interest in Air Force activities is appreciated and if I can be of any further assistance to you feel free to call on me.-- Maj. Gen. W. P. Fisher; Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force (August 8, 1958).

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Dear Mr. Bryant:

Your letters dated 30 November 1958, 8 and 12 December 1958, addressed to the Central Intelligence Agency, the Air Technical Intelligence Center and the Commander of Langley Air Force Base, respectively, on the subject of unidentified flying objects have all been referred to this office for reply.

As you have been told many times, public information is released by the United States Air Force through established media such as the press and radio. In this regard, we have already previously furnished you with all press releases on this subject.

The Air Force is not interested in the personal opinions or outright speculations of amateur groups such as yours. Our investigation of unidentified flying objects is conducted by trained personnel and the evaluations are rendered by highly qualified scientific personnel. We cannot afford to carry on special investigations for anyone's personal use at the expense of the public welfare. -- Maj. Lawrence J. Tacker; Executive Officer, Public Information Division, Office of Information Services, Department of the Air Force (December 23, 1958).

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The Kinross Air Force Base incident of 23 November 1953 was an unfortunate aircraft accident and did not involve a UFO since the pilot of the aircraft made a successful interception and identified the object in question as a Canadian airliner. The USAF aircraft evidently developed trouble on the return trip to the Air Force Base and Crashed into Lake Superior.

The charges that the Air Force is withholding information on the subject of unidentified flying objects is without basis in fact. So that you may have more information on the Air Force findings in this area during the past 14 years, we are inclosing a copy of the latest Department of Defense fact sheet. I feel sure this will answer your several questions. -- Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker; Public Information Division, Office of Information, Department of the Air Force (February 17, 1961).

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Dear Mr. Bryant:

Reference is made to your letter dated 28 May 1961, in which you requested information and a copy of the report pertaining to the F-89C accident of 23 November 1953.

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Review of the accident report revealed that the aircraft being intercepted was a Royal Canadian Air Force Dakota (C-47) and was on a flight plan from Winnipeg to Sudberry, Canada. The names of the crew members of the RCAF aircraft were not given in the investigation report.

Unfortunately, this headquarters cannot comply with your request for a copy of the report since information contained in aircraft accident/incident reports is compiled solely for use within prescribed Air Force channels for accident prevention purposes. Please understand that your request is not denied you as an individual, but is denied because of applicable Air Force directives and regulations. -- Mr. William Russler; Assistant for Records and Statistics, Deputy Inspector General for Safety, Department of the Air Force (June 13, 1961).

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Section VI. Epilogue

As a study in bureaucratic buck-passing and snow-jobbing, these letters are fairly representative. The subject need not have been UFOlogy; it could have been, say, the Vietnam War, the gross waste of taxpayers' money on ill-advised defense projects, the sex life of WAC's, interracial conflicts within the military, or suppression of Defense Department employees' freedom of speech. As one of these employees, the compiler has in the past been obligated to submit his unofficial writings on UFOs to the Pentagon for pre-publication review/clearance. With the demise of Project Blue Book, one would hope that this obligation now carries no weight, and that, therefore, the compiler won't have to go the route of review/clearance whenever he conjures up a new UFOlogy manuscript. To be on the safe side, however, he is submitting this piece for any necessary security review/clearance. Thus, if you're reading it now, you'll assume that it's been "cleared for open publication" and that its author's right of free speech has again been upheld by the less censorial elements of the Department of Defense.

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(Postscript by the editor: Mr. Bryant's manuscript was returned to him by the Department of the Army with a letter which reads as follows -

Dear Mr. Bryant:

We notified you on 15 April that your article concerning UFOs and accompanying letter had been forwarded to the Air Force for appropriate reply. However, the AF had returned the case to this office, notifying us, as you surmised, that review of material involving UFOs - one time an official subject - is no longer required.

Therefore, there is no necessity to submit for review any further articles on this subject and your article and letter are returned herewith.

If you have any questions as to applications of DoD clearance policies, we suggest you write directly to that agency. -- John L. Mantle, Office for the Freedom of Information (April 28, 1970).)

STRANGE CASE OF THE CHATTANOOGA AIRSHIP

Dennis Stamey

On the morning of January 12, 1910, the citizenry of Chattanooga, Tenn., gazed in disbelief at a large cigar-shaped vessel that passed over the city proceeding in a northeasterly direction. The craft made a faint chugging sound and witnesses could discern a line of blue flames along the undersides of the ship for almost its full length, obviously some type of stabilizing system or exhaust.

The vessel was a monster affair, travelling at no more than an estimated speed of thirty miles an hour. Observers, who regarded the airship as some new aerial invention, swore they saw a man in the rigging, proof that the ship was under intelligent control.

"The airship seen yesterday above the city is thought to be at least the second to pass over this region within a few weeks," reported the Chattanooga Times the following day. "Some Chattanoogaans saw a strange object in the sky recently and strongly leaned to the opinion that it, like the unknown visitor of yesterday, was an aerial machine."

Fifteen minutes later, the same or a similar airship was spotted by observers in Huntsville, Alabama, some seventy-five miles away.

The mysterious aeroplane, dirigible, or whatever it was made another return visit on the 13th, apparently interested in observing the area and rousing the populace. This time the vessel came flying in slowly from the southwest, and after maneuvering around, sailed away to the north, keeping parallel with Walden's Ridge. Comments the Times: "Many think it is the same one, and are at a loss to account for its visitations. Some are inclined to think that the mysterious airship is the craft of a sky pirate who has sinister designs upon Chattanooga. At any rate, the aeronautically inclined gentleman who is hovering so mysteriously over the city is causing a great many people to sit up and think."

On the 14th, several citizens of Knoxville, Tenn., reported seeing an airship of the same description passing overhead in the evening. The outlines of the aircraft could plainly be seen and the noise of the motors could be heard. Fast speed was being made, and its trip across the city occupied but a few minutes' time. "The machine was under perfect control," wrote the local newspapers.

The cumbersome vessel was never seen again over the Chattanooga territory. On January 17 the Times published a lengthy article claiming that the good people of the region were being fooled by a mere 14-ft. paper balloon launched by a group of young hoaxers. But the Times failed to explain the sound of motors from the ship, the pilot seen at the steering gear, and other pertinent details. And what of the craft seen by hundreds in Knoxville and Huntsville? Paper balloons seemed to strain the credulity a bit.

The great airship remains, of course, a mystery and there was no question that thousands of persons saw an unidentified object transversing the sky in plain view.

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A SAMPLING AND PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF BRITISH UFO SIGHTINGS - 1969

Compiled by Mark R. Herbstritt

Case #1

Clergyman Spots Flying Object, Western Morning News, Plymouth, May 4, 1969.

A brilliant white unidentified flying object described as being "half the size of the moon" swept over a South Devon town late on Thursday night.

It was spotted by the Rev. Eric Jones of Buckfastleigh, as he was taking an evening stroll round his farm.

Yesterday he said: "Although the object was only in sight for 12 to 15 seconds it was really incredible and nothing like I have ever seen before. It was travelling in an east to west direction, was brilliantly white, had a trail of sparks, and appeared to be about half the size of the moon.

"At first I thought it may have been a meteor. It was travelling at a very high speed - I should say 40,000 miles per hour plus. But its pure bulk size precluded this theory. Then it occurred that it may be a piece of space ironmongery burning up in our atmosphere. This couldn't be so either, because it was moving in a direction against the movement of earth gravity."

Devon and Exeter police said: "This is a strange case indeed and we are going to take a thoroughly good look at it. We also understand the object was seen over London shortly before it reached Devon."

In Plymouth a spokesman for the controller at R.A.F. Mount Batten said: "As far as we can trace there was no air activity in the area at the time of the reported sighting."

Case #2

Aerial Object Unexplained, Sun (?), London, August 7, 1969.

An unidentified object was seen glowing in the sky near Carmarthen last night by a farmer and at least two policemen.

The farmer, Mr. John Moffat-Bailey, aged 42, saw the object from Ewarallt Farm, Llansynbb, about five miles outside Carmarthen. Mr. Moffat-Bailey, a former radar technician in the R.A.F., said he was repairing his television aerial when he saw a bright, spheroid object which appeared to have some sort of undercarriage. It was varying its height from about 5,000 to 20,000ft.

He watched it through binoculars, and at one time heard "a peculiar buzzing whistling sound."

The object was also seen by Mr. Moffat-Bailey's wife, Rita, and other relatives, including his brother-in-law, Mr. Angelo van der Tupe, from Belgium, who is holidaying at the farm.

Mr. Moffat-Bailey called the police and a constable on a motorcycle was sent from Ammanford.

An officer at the Ammanford Division of the Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire Constabulary said: "One of our men saw the thing from here. It appeared to be silver and stationary."

Mr. Moffat-Bailey watched the object for an hour and three-quarters. One of the constables confirmed that it suddenly vanished.

The R.A.F. and the Ministry of Defence could offer no explanation.

Case #3

Woman Claims She Saw Flying Saucer Land, Daily Telegraph, London, August 30.

A woman who claimed that she and her husband, who had been trained as a pilot, watched a flying saucer land on army ranges at Tyneham, Dorset, early yesterday, later visited the site in daylight.

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She found a 24ft. diameter pattern of large holes, as if made by tubular legs tipped with long spikes.

Dorset police said last night that they found an unexplained similar pattern of corresponding holes at Badbury Rings, an ancient camp near Blandford, at the weekend. Puzzled, they had written them off as some kind of hoax.

Tyneham's circular holes are nine inches to a foot across, with a central narrow shaft. They appeared to have been gouged with a cylindrical object, but in neither case has any of the removed earth been left behind.

Mrs. X, who insisted on keeping her identity secret, said: "My husband and I had been fishing and were returning across the ranges at about 2:30 a.m. An elliptical object, glowing and apparently translucent, shot into view over the hill about a mile in front of our car and my husband said "It's coming down."

"There was no sound and it settled. It seemed to come to a sudden stop in the air and, in the light from it, we saw tripod like legs come down out of it.

"I was paralysed with fright. My husband drove slowly forward with his lights off until we could see it clearly about a quarter of a mile away. We stayed watching it for about half an hour, when it went up into the air and disappeared fast over the sea.

"There was no sound of life in it."

Mrs. X's husband was not available for comment.

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The following analysis is based on 29 UFO sightings from newspapers:

Color	Frequency	Shape	Frequency	Duration	Frequency	Out of 11 sightings
Blue	2	Cone	1	10-20 seconds	3	7 of the
Silver	4	Cigar	4	30 seconds	2	UFOs tra-
Yellow	3	Spheroid	5	1-5 minutes	6	veled to-
Orange	2	Triangle	1	1 hour	2	ward the
White	4	(?)	18	2 hours	2	north or
Red	1			(?)	14	northwest.
(?)	13					

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ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS:

- Feb. 1 - East Stoke, Hayling Island.
- Feb. 2 - Cam, Gloucestershire.
- Feb. 11 - Tonbridge, Kent.
- March 4 - Bishops, Stortford.
- March 29 - Titchfield, Hants.
- April 20 - Norland near Halifax.
- April 25 - Co Durham.
- April 25 - Fetcham, Surrey.
- April 27 - near Sheffield.
- May 24 - Chippenham, Wiltshire.
- June 5 - Enfield, Middlesex.
- June 7 - between Usk and Seven Bridge.
- June 12 - Bolton.
- June 12 - Clifton, Bristol.
- June 13* - Brighton.
- June 15 - Birkenhead, Cheshire.
- June 18 - Bordesley Green, Birmingham.
- June 19 - Bircham Newton, Norfolk.
- June 20 - Bridport, Dorset.
- June 22 Porgnings near Albourne.
- June 28 Watford Heath, South Herts.
- June 29 Nuneaton.
- June 29 Bristol.
- June 30 Frome, Somerset.
- July 4 Darlington, Yorkshire.
- July 12 near Borth Cardiganshire, Wales.
- July 16 Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire
- July 18 near Borth Cardiganshire, Wales.
- July 18 Frome, Somerset.
- July 20 Pendleton.
- July 22 Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.
- Aug. 6 Carmarthen, Wales.
- Aug. 7 Leicestershire.
- Aug. 19 Crosby, Lancashire.
- Aug. 20 Enfield, Middlesex.
- Aug. 23 Leicester.
- Aug. 26* Bolton, Lancashire.
- Aug. 29 Tynham, Dorset & Badbury Rings.

* Newspaper date. Report date not given. Sept. 26* Gresley.

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LIST OF 137 NORTH AMERICAN CASES
EXTRACTED FROM THE APRO BULLETIN
JULY 1967 to OCTOBER 1969

Extracted & Encoded* by Allen Benz

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- 69-194-?-IA-D8-HN-V?-III-01
 - 69-156-1752-MO-D5&6-E-W-IV-02
 - 69-122-2320-UT-B8-H?-M-E-III-03
 - 69-205-?-Mex-E5-D?-H-M-A-L-I-04
 - 69-201-?-Mex-E5-H?-B?-I-05
 - 69-165-0230-AZ-F4-HNW-M?-III-06
 - 69-144-0230-CA-D4-HNW-M-A-SSE-III-07
 - 69-63-0640-MO-B5-MN-H-CG-SE-I-18
 - 69-224-2105-WI-F2-H?-E-I-09
 - 69-223-2000-SD-H2-MW-CG-A-D-E-I-10
 - 69-69-2230-MO-A5-HE-RK-W-I-11
 - 69-72-?-MI-F6-HNE-M-A?-I-12
 - 69-110-2300-WI-J4-HW-B-CG-M-N-I-13
 - 69-76-1532-AZ-D2-ME-W-IV-14
 - 69-239-2320-CO-E7-LN-RK-A-N-I-15
 - 69-06-1830-SC-C3-M?-CG?-III-16
 - 69-03-?-WV-K11-M?-?-I-17
 - 69-21-?-Alta/Can-B7-HSW-M?-III-18
 - 68-337-1915-AZ-I6-E-W-IV-19
 - 69-01-2020-IL-A6-ME-L-A-W-I-20
 - 69-01-?-NY-Goodyear Lake-M?-CG-RK(Dog)-?-I-21
 - 69-16-0700-AK-C4&5-MSW-H?-I-22
 - 69-42-1900-NJ-J1-H?-M?-III-23
 - 69-43-1900-NJ-J1-H?-M?-III-24
 - 69-44-2030-WI-J5-S-M-N-IV-25
 - 69-17-1200-IL-G3-H?-D-A-III-26
 - 68-308-1900-NB-E10-M?-D-A-III-27
 - 69-09-2030-OH-E&D4-MW-H-N-III-28
 - 69-32-2333-IN-F5-NE-SW- -IV-29
 - 68-332-?-FL-F6-MW-D-L-A-H?-I-30
 - 68-331-1740-ND-D5-HNE-M-A-H-NE-III-31
 - 68-327-?-GA-H2-MN-H-CG-A?-I-32
 - 68-221-?-CA-G5-MS-RK?-I-33
 - 68-302-2320-NV-G5-ME-A-CG-D-A?-IIIC-34
 - 68-305-2015-BC/Can-G4-MN-S-H-M-C-NE-III-35
 - 68-312-1820-Alta/Can-C9-H?-M-CG?-III-36
 - 68-240-?-Ont/Can-E6-H?-CG?-III-37
 - 68-225-1900-NM-F8-MN-A?-IV-38
 - 68-234-2300-MO-C3-ASE-CG-D-M?-ID-39
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 G. P. Putnam's Sons, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016.

More UFO activity has been reported over Tobacco Row Mountain in Amherst County, Virginia. The sightings of November 6, 1969, which were reported in UFO COMMENTARY Vol. 1, No. 1 (page 5) have been followed by more sightings of the same nature on June 5, 1970. The account which appears here is from the Lynchburg News of June 6, 1970. Our correspondent informs us that: "I've talked to friends who live on the mountain who didn't see the lights but said there was a lot of lightning [ball lightning? - Editor] Friday night." Further investigations are being undertaken. It seems as if Virginia has possibly come up with a rival to other similar "UFO mountains" such as Brown Mountain, North Carolina and Crale Hill in England! More in our next issue.

FACT OR FOLKLORE?

by Dan Butcher

Legends of the Wild Hunt, which are widespread throughout northern Europe afford numerous parallels to UFO lore. First and foremost they relate to aerial phenomena, to sights and sounds occurring in the sky. Secondly, as in the case of the UFO, the Wild Hunt also manifests its phenomena at ground-level. Like the UFO, it is said to emerge from clouds, mountains, forests, lakes and rivers, and to disappear into them again. The original Wild Hunt was led by Woden, the Teutonic storm-god, who was to be seen rushing across the night-skies surrounded by a pack of baying hounds and hollering horn-blowing huntsmen, a set-up which might suggest to the ufologist, a "mother-ship" accompanied by smaller "scouts". Often a voice was heard to come from the hunt; and Woden's hounds were reputed to talk like men. When Woden was hunting, people knew that there was a danger of being carried off by him. Encounters with this phantom host often resulted in paralysis, loss of consciousness, and circular burns. The Welsh Cwn Anrwn (Dogs of Hell) or Cwn y Wybr (Dogs of the Sky), a British equivalent of the Wild Hunt, were a pack of hounds of white luminosity and with red "ears" (red lights?). As they approached the percipient the volume of their sound decreased, while it increased as they receded from him - a typical UFOic phenomenon.

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Mysterious Light Baffles Residents

Residents of the southeast section of Tobacco Row Mountain in Amherst County are speculating on the origin of a mysterious light that glowed in the vicinity of an Indian burial ground several hours Friday night.

"It made the hair stand up on the back of my neck," C. T. "Charley" Mayberry who was the first to spot the light at his Rt. 643 home said.

Billy Rucker, a neighbor who lives in the same Hicks Store area, was summoned by Mayberry. Rucker attempted to get closer to the light as it moved toward a mountain to the north toward Wares Gap, but had to turn back because of heavy foliage.

A third witness, a newsman, was called to the scene at about 11:30 p.m., almost two hours after Mayberry had first seen it. An unsuccessful attempt was made to photograph the light, which still glowed against the mountain about one-quarter mile away.

By then the light could best be described as a white gaseous glow, about 35-feet wide and perhaps 50- to 60-feet high.

It would easily fit the popular description of "swamp gas."

But when Mayberry first spotted it as he returned on a tractor after 9 p.m. he said it was "so bright it lit up the front of the house and I thought it was headlights on the house from a car in the yard."

Mayberry abandoned the generations old "Peters" house several months ago and now lives in a trailer nearby. The Cherokee Indian burial ground is about 150 feet to the northeast.

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The light appeared to be suspended just off the ground, Mayberry said, and cast a beam about one-foot wide and 35-feet long on the ground. He said he watched it move to the back of the house, down one side, casting the foot wide beam, and then gradually move across a field and over his garden "lighting up the vegetable rows one-by-one just as if it was daylight."

It moved past the graveyard and past an old log barn that had been abandoned as a home almost a century ago.

And then the intensity of the light waned as it gradually moved toward the mountain.

"I've heard stories about ghosts and that burial ground but I've never seen anything like this," Mayberry said.

The light continued to glow through the night, outshone only by occasional heat lightning that had started at dusk.

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TV Review: "It Couldn't Be Done" and "The Unexplained"

On Thursday April 2, 1970 NBC presented a program titled "It Couldn't Be Done". It featured the 5th Dimension and Lee Marvin as narrator. The hour was a moving story of impossible dreams that became realities. "Impossible" things such as the Golden Gate Bridge and the St. Louis Gateway Arch.

Some of the achievements covered included Mt. Rushmore, the Alaska Highway, the Panama Canal, the Holland Tunnel and the Hoover Dam. All of the projects had one thing in common: the "experts", Type 'B' scientists as Keel calls them, said each was absurd, an utter impossibility. It just couldn't be done.

This program, I believe, holds a message for UFO researchers everywhere. Since 1947 we have been subjected to the same sort of ridicule, snide remarks, and blind skepticism that the designers and engineers of the above mentioned structures encountered. "If it doesn't fit within our present conceptual framework, it can not be." so saith the Lord High Scientist! Those men never gave up, and we must never give up either. As long as the UFO phenomenon remains unexplained our job is not finished.

On the next night, Friday April 3, NBC presented another special called "The Unexplained." The program was about different scientific anomalies including Stonehenge, ESP, and UFOs.

When I read, in TV Guide, that Isaac Asimov was going to be one of the "more than 20 scientific authorities" to discuss the puzzles, I thought that as far as UFOs were concerned it would be just another put down by the media.

But I was pleasantly surprised. For a change, they picked somebody who actually knew something about the subject - Dr. James E. McDonald. Although the total time allotted to UFOs was less than 5 minutes, McDonald managed to refute Condon by pointing out the Committee's bias and the fact that 30% of the cases remained unexplained. Afterward, Host Arthur C. Clarke commented: "The hard core reports may turn out to be something trivial or something very surprising. Anybody who says that UFOs must be space vehicles is showing a decided lack of imagination."

The UFO segment was, I believe, a direct slap at the Government and the Condon Report, although I doubt if the writers and producers actually intended that. The fact that the subject was included in the first place shows that in the minds of the production staff the subject of UFOs is still unexplained. -- Allen Benz

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⌚ Notice: The UFO field is in need of an index and general reference work for ⌚
⌚ the myriad aspects of the phenomenon and your help would be appreciated. I am ⌚
⌚ beginning work on a comprehensive UFO Index to books and periodicals and need ⌚
⌚ offers of assistance, persons with collections of UFO data, donations, old ⌚
⌚ UFO periodicals, clippings, and any other material available and suitable for ⌚
⌚ a reference work. The field needs a RESEARCHER'S REFERENCE and I need you! ⌚
⌚ Conrad Hunter, 1434 W. Fairfield Ave., Carleston, South Carolina 29407, USA. ⌚
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STRANGE CREATURES FROM TIME AND SPACE - by John A. Keel (Fawcett Publications, 1970), 75¢.

"No matter where you live on this planet, someone within two hundred miles of your home has had a direct confrontation with a frightening apparition or inexplicable "monster" within the last generation." So begins John Keel's voluminous encyclopedia of monsters dealing with creatures ranging from scorpions to phantom cats, sea serpents; hairy humanoids, A.S.S.es (Abominable Swamp Slob) and UFO occupants. Although crammed full with hundreds of reports, Keel's writing style is rarely dry and occasionally humorous. (So don't be offended if he calls UFO occupants "mischievous idiots who pop out of flying saucers!") Tying the varied monsters to a raison commune is simply accomplished by a number of casual connections, commonly known as coincidences. A loose theory develops which can be hinted at by Keel's phrasing: "A very important clue to the whole monster/UFO/ghost phenomena..."

But knowing that Keel's long-awaited opus UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse was soon to appear, it was felt that this was but an entree to his piece de resistance. This feeling was proved to be correct since I was informed that much of the material in this book was originally intended for use as background material for OTH. So it is recommended that you read this book first. Creatures..., although not outstanding as an original work, stands out as a valuable, comprehensively indexed reference of superior quality. -- Patrick Huyghe

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UFOs: OPERATION TROJAN HORSE - by John A. Keel (G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1970) \$6.95.

There should have appeared a warning at the beginning of the book requesting that persons not thoroughly acquainted with UFOs should stay away from it. Only after having acquired substantial knowledge on UFO sighting reports over the past years and finally coming to believe that UFOs exist in some form or another should one attempt to read this book. For to a newcomer, the solution to the UFO enigma may appear to be simple although perhaps quite extraordinary. As all aspects of UFOlogy are intermeshed with knowledge from other fields (UFO colors with physics, contactee reports with religious visions, etc.) one begins to realize the complexities and scope of the UFO phenomenon. "All of the various ologies represent the famous blind men trooping to Cathay who encountered an elephant. Each ology has been examining a different part of the elephant and giving it a different interpretation. It is time now for us to gain the total vision necessary for viewing the elephant as it is, not as we would like it to be." This "total vision" consists of UFOs being "ultraterrestrial", existing in our own environment but on a different space-time continuum.

It can be said that Mr. Keel's ingenious "Trojan Horse" idea, where one can no longer distinguish between what is false and what is really false, and mastery of presentation will "blow your mind". Although it is only another theory, at times thread-like thin, it is nevertheless quite strong and convincingly reliable. The importance of this book and its implications cannot be stressed enough. So you are advised to stop what you are doing until you have read this book thoroughly and given Mr. Keel's fascinating theory the attention it rightly deserves.

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-- Patrick Huyghe

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E T T E R S	EDITOR GOOFS: In our letters section on page four of our last issue, UFO COMMENTARY Vol.1, No.1, the last letter was given no credit line. The editor expresses his most sincere apologies to Mr. Gene Duplantier editor of Canada's most authoritative UFO journal, <u>Saucers Space, and Science</u> , 17 Shetland St., Willowdale, Ont., Canada.	A U C E R S
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"Man throughout the centuries has faced many dangers which would seem impossible to happen. He has been in crisis that would destroy the mind, but man has come by excellently. For thousands of years man has had to deal with witchcraft, magic and other powers of the unknown. Through time in the Bible, man has been known to have communicated with beings of different worlds and of unknown people of his own world. You know that on this planet there are thousands of languages, customs, and many races which would show that it would be foolish for people of our intelligence to say that there cannot possibly be any other intelligent life besides ourselves. In order for us to prove this to ourselves and to other people we will have to explain the words of the Bible in interpreting the earth and universe. Next we have the age of "rebirth" when man begins to explore himself in the past, present, and possible future. Before and during the rebirth of man, many people believed in witchcraft, but communicating with beings of other worlds or this world was not fixed to suit the peoples' interest or belief. "Peoples should know that witchcraft does not exist, but what we have now is the training of the body to concentrate on what they or you do, depending on the person's body and mind." Man in time has invented many frightening inventions, which in early times would have been considered magic. Today man has gone to the moon, landed, and come back twice with evidence. He has and will explore the stars, planets, and other suns, as well as his own world." -- Joseph Tarpley, Jr., Hampton, Va.

"...Could you put a little item in COMMENTARY for me please? Yes I'm attempting to compile a half-yearly index of British UFOzines. I hear that Conrad Hunter is trying something similar for the US, but I think I've chosen the less gargantuan task. It'll be a list of feature articles (not sighting reports, I'll leave that up to the real cranks like you!)/Thank you classified under about fifty subject headings, so that you can look up a subject and find a list of references to articles in British magazines. If you could mention this in COMMENTARY, asking for people who'd be interested in subscribing to write me for further details, 18d or 30¢ be obliged." -- John A. Rimmer, 6 Norgate Street, Liverpool, L4 ORH, England.

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